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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO NATOMIN: SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL FOR MEETINGS
OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS

REF: A. STATE 5066

B. USNATO 0101

C. BONN 0681

D. USNATO 0223

1. WHILE WE AGREED AT JANUARY 15 PERMREPS LUNCH TO RELAY SUGGESTION
OF MARCH 19 AS POSSIBLE DATE FOR NATO POLITICAL DIRECTORS PERMREPS
MEETING, WE NOTE IN BONN'S 681 THAT EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE IS LOOKING
AT FEBRUARY 7-8 FOR MEETING WITH U.S. REPS ON U.S-EC DECLARATION.
IN LIGHT OF PROSPECTIVE U.S-EC TIMING, IT MIGHT FOR SEVERAL
REASONS BE USEFUL FOR ME TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON MOVING NATO
POLITICAL DIRECTORS PERM REPS MEETING FORWARD TO, SAY, FEBRUARY 4 OR 5.

NOT ONLY WOULD PARALLEL TIMING SAVE WEAR AND TEAR ON U.S.
PARTICIPANTS, BUT EARLY FEBRUARY IS ALSO MUCH CLOSER TO OUR
EARLIER THINKING ON NEED FOR RAPID MOVEMENT TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE SECRETARY'S DECEMBER PROPOSALS. WHILE NOT RULING OUT MARCY 19,
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I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE FEBRUARY 4 OR 5 AS AN ALTERNATIVE
DATE. IN DOING SO, I WOULD POINT OUT THAT ABOVE DATES WOULD
BE IN CLOSER HARMONY WITH CURRENT PROJECTIONS, AS WE KNOW THEM,
OF EC-9 MEETING WITH U.S. REPS AND WOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH

WASHINGTON ENERGY MEETING THE FOLLOWING WEEK. EARLIER MEETING SEEMS OPPORTUNE IN LIGHT OF TOPICS, (I.E. MIDDLE EAST,) POLITICAL DIRECTORS ARE LIKELY TO WANT TO TALK ABOUT. I WOULD MAKE THIS PROPOSAL AT JANUARY 22 PERMREPS LUNCH DURING DISCUSSION OF LUNS' JANUARY 17 PAPER ON CONSULTATION (SEPTTEL), BUT WOULD BE PREPARED TO MOVE QUESTION INTO NAC IF NECESSARY TO OVERCOME ANY RELUCTANCE ON PART OF SOME OF THE PERMREPS TO GET ON WITH SOMETHING THAT CHALLENGES THEIR POSITION AND PREROGATIVES.

2. IN DISCUSSING THE ROLE WE SEE FOR POLITICAL DIRECTORS PERM REPS MEETINGS BOTH IN CONTEXT OF JANUARY 22 PERMREPS LUNCH AND SUBSEQUENTLY,

WE WILL USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING INTEGRAL APPROACH, AS OUTLINED STATE 5066, IN SEEKING TO ENHANCE CONSULTATIONS AND WILL RELATE U.S. VIEWS ON RESTRUCTURING MINISTERIAL MEETINGS TO PROPOSALS FOR MEETINGS OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS PERM REPS.

3. MOST IMMEDIATE NEED IS TO IDENTIFY TOPICS FOR PROPOSED FIRST MEETING OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND PERM REPS. ALTHOUGH THE OCCASION SHOULD PROVIDE FOR A DISCUSSION OF CONSULTATION METHODS, WE BELIEVE THAT, TO GET THIS NEW FORM OF CONSULTATION OFF TO A GOOD START, DISCUSSION SHOULD ALSO GET INTO SOME IMPORTANT AND TOPICAL SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS AND WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON VIEWS ON SUCH SUBJECTS. WE ASSUME ON BASIS REF A THAT U.S. REP WOULD, AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 1, BE IN COMPETENT TO DISCUSS "EVOLVING SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST," AND THAT SOVIET-INDIAN OCEAN PRESENCE MIGHT ALSO BE TOPIC FOR FIRST MEETING. IN ADDITION, WE THINK FOLLOWING SUBJECTS MIGHT BE OF INTEREST: U.S. VIEWS ON ENERGY COOPERATION, RELATIONSHIP OF U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE TO JAPAN, AND REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS. IF MEETING SHOULD COME ON MARCH 19 AS PERMREPS SUGGEST, ATLANTIC RELATIONS AND THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS WOULD BE INEVITABLE SUBJECT.

4. WE ASSUME FIRST MEETING WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO REACH DECISIONS
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ON ANY SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEM BUT MIGHT WISH TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING FREQUENCY AND FORMAT OF MEETINGS, AND OTHER SUCH ARRANGEMENTS. WE ALSO ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT AT SOME POINT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WOULD BECOME MORE FORMAL, TO ENSURE ADEQUATE FOLLOW-UP.

5. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS SUGGESTED IN STATE 5066 IS SOMEWHAT GREATER THAN TRAFFIC MIGHT BEAR. PROVISIONS FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS PERM REPS MEETINGS IN EVENT OF "FAST-BREAKING INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS" IS ALSO PROBABLY MORE THAN THE TRAFFIC WILL BEAR AT THIS EARLY JUNCTURE OF OUR EXPERIMENT WITH THIS NEW FORM OF CONSULTATIONS. WE WOULD PREFER SIMPLY TO HOLD OPEN THE POSSI-

BILITY OF SUCH SESSIONS AS AN EXAMPLE OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT WHICH
MAY IN TIME PROVE USEFUL RATHER THAN TO INDICATE THAT THIS
IS A CURRENT, FIRM U.S. PREFERENCE. AMONG OTHER THINGS.
PERMREPS FEEL OWN ROLE IN CRISIS CONSULTATION WOULD BE
DOWNGRADED AND WE HAVE HEARD SOME OPPOSITION FOR THIS REASON
ALONE.

6. WE ALSO BELIEVE WITH WASHINGTON THAT THE WORK OF THE
REGIONAL EXPERTS COULD TIE INTO POLITICAL DIRECTORS PERM REPS
DISCUSSIONS AND WILL URGE THIS ON OTHER DELEGATIONS HERE
DURING DISCUSSIONS OF INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NEW AND/OR CHANGED
MEANS OF ALLIANCE CONSULTATION IN CONTEXT OF LUNS' JANUARY 17
PAPER. THIS ISSUE MIGHT, INCIDENTALLY, BE TOUCHED ON IN THE
FIRST MEETING OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS.
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